Cecilia Rodriguez HB5144

To Public Health Committee Co-Chairs Representative Terri Gerratana and Representative Susan Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing to ask for your support of Raised Bill 5144, An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adoptive Persons. I am an adoptee. I strongly believe that ALL adult adoptees should have access to their original birth certificates, and the bill should be both retroactive and prospective. I'm an adoptee female ISO of any birthfamily. Birthdate: 04/12/1970, Bridgeport, CT. St. Vincent's Hospital. Adopted through Catholic Family Services/ Dr. Walter S. Bousa, M.D. Adoption Date: June 12, 1970 Decree Date: July 29, 1971 Birthmother was 26, single, and from Puerto Rico. Birthfather was 34, married, and also from Puerto Rico. Birthmom had family in Bridgeport which she stayed with while pregnant. Her profession was listed as a secretary. This is all the information provided to me by Catholic Charities. As you can see there is no medical history. Please help me access my original birth certificate. I am hopeful that I will be reunited with my birthfamily.

Thank-you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely, Cecilia Rodriguez 59 Houston Terrace Stamford, CT 06902